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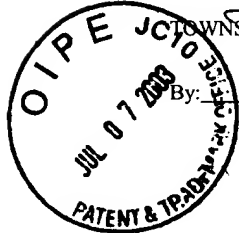
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In re application of:

William E. Rich, et al.

Application No.: 09/560,715

Filed: April 27, 2000

For: PROBES FOR A GAS PHASE ION
SPECTROMETER

Examiner: Ahmed, Sheeba

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1773

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.